



New CDC to open in December

Facility to hire 40 new staff members, add 130 child care slots

By **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

A new Child Development Center at Aberdeen Proving Ground North (Aberdeen) is expected to open up 40 jobs and add an additional 130 child care slots.

The construction is in response to APG's booming population as a result of the Base Realignment and Closure Act. As a result of BRAC, more than 4,500 jobs have transferred to the APG.

Construction of the new facility kicked off in March and is slated for completion in December.

Ruth Strauss, CYSS coordinator, said the existing APG North center, housed next to the main post chapel, will remain open during and after the new facility's construction. The existing center serves about 180 children and was recently renovated.

To provide the program with continuity, some staff members at the current facility will move to the new facility. Still, Strauss said Child Youth and School Services is expected to hire about 40 new employees to staff the new center.

"All of the new staff will undergo an extensive training program and will have time to shadow and be mentored by experienced staff members," Strauss said.

The new center will come fully equipped, and will be very similar in design to existing CDCs at APG North and APG South (Edgewood).

The centers are built to US

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Hershey Taylor of EA Elite goes for a layup during the MWR civilian basketball championship at the APG North athletic center March 28. View and download photos from the game at www.flickr.com/photos/usagapg/.

Elite wins 53-40

EA team makes a second half comeback to beat out IEW&S in March 28 civilian championship

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The Edgewood Area Elite basketball team grabbed its second consecutive Aberdeen Proving Ground civilian basketball league championship, defeating newcomers IEW&S

by a score of 53-40 at the APG North (Aberdeen) athletic center March 28.

Led by coach Jeff Pettiway the MWR manager of the APG South (Edgewood) gym, the EA Elite again went undefeated throughout the regular and post-season for the sec-

ond year in a row.

Pettiway said he told his team to play hard and have fun.

"Playoffs are always challenging and this year it's like we had bulls-eyes on our

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Local vet gets the job

Cohort members promote Wounded Warrior program

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

A local wounded warrior will continue his service to the nation as an Army civilian, thanks to the efforts of members of Aberdeen Proving Ground's Senior Leadership Cohort.

Navy veteran and Cecil County resident Larry Perry began his job as administrative assistant to the CECOM G6 in January after Cohort member James Lint recommended him to the Wounded Warrior program.

"I absolutely love this," said Perry of his new employment. "It's been a long time since I got up and looked forward to coming to work every day."

The Perryville, Md., native graduated from Perryville High School in 2000 and joined the Navy as a Corpsman in 2003. He volunteered for his second war zone assignment after leaving the 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines Afghanistan and was assigned with the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines in Iraq, where he was seriously wounded during an October 2006 improvised explosive device attack.

Tossed 35 feet from his vehicle, Perry sustained multiple fractures and burns, requiring more than 30 surgeries and four years of recovery, most of it as a patient of Bethesda National Naval Medical Center.



Perry

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HIRED! apprentice lands job

Story and photo by
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Last year Kyle Goulden, then a Harford Technical High School senior, decided to get a jump on his career by working as an apprentice for Aberdeen Proving Ground's Directorate of Public Works.

Today Goulden is a fulltime boiler mechanic with DPW, thanks to the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's HIRED! apprenticeship program.

Goulden said he used what he learned in his high school classroom during the apprenticeship, but it was the real-life experiences he obtained during the apprenticeship that qualified him for the job.

For 12 weeks, Goulden worked closely with a mentor, who showed

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Kyle Goulden (left) checks the gauges in the boiler operated by Aberdeen Proving Ground's Department of Public Works as Don Keithley, DPW utilities leader, looks on. Goulden was hired as a boiler mechanic after participating in HIRED!, a Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's apprenticeship program.

Armed Forces Day slated

By **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

Mark your calendar! Aberdeen Proving Ground will celebrate Armed Forces Week May 16 to 21 with several community events.

"APG is a 21st century installation in support of the Warfighter, and Armed Forces week is an opportunity for the community to see what we do here at APG," said Capt. Malukah McCormick APG Garrison Headquarters and Headquarters Company commander.

Based on the success of last year's Armed Forces Day, McCormick said Garrison Commander, Col. Orlando Ortiz decided to expand the celebration to a full week, allowing the installation to really showcase what it has to offer

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OPINION

Celebrating Month of the Military Child, raising strong kids year round

The Army first observed the Month of the Military Child in 1986, to honor the youngest members of the Army community. As we celebrate it again this month, 25 years later and in the tenth year of ongoing conflict, recognition of the sacrifices and strength of our military children is more vital than ever.



The life of military children has always had its challenges, foremost among them being frequent relocations.

Everytime Families move, children have to make new friends, get used to new schools, and find new clubs and teams to join. A lot of military children take these changes in stride and some even thrive on them, but it is hard—kids have to rebuild their world every time and find their place in it.

Now, in this time of persistent conflict, the challenges are compounded—they are more serious and affect more Families. About 1.8 million children have a parent currently serving in the military.

Since 2001, an estimated 900,000 children have had one or both parents deploy multiple times. Our children are dealing with long and repeated separations from their parents. They are dealing with the happy but disruptive time when their parents come home and the family has to regain normalcy.

Sometimes they have to deal with the worst thing imagineable, the death of a parent. In the face of all this, for all of their contributions and sacrifices, our children need and deserve our best efforts.

From the highest levels of leadership on down, the Army has committed to providing Families with a quality of life that is commensurate with their service and sacrifice.

For our children, that includes a commitment to ensure excellence in schools, child care and youth services—to ensure they have the support and care they need to develop into strong, resilient, well-rounded young adults.

Army Child, Youth and School Services is central to delivering on these promises. CYSS currently serves almost 300,000 children ages 6 weeks to 18 years in on- and off-post programs around the world.

Through its Child Development Cen-

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ters, School Age Care, and Middle School and Teen Centers, CYSS provides healthy and enriching environments that help children grow mentally, physically, socially and emotionally.

A whole world to explore

For the school age children and teens in particular, the CYSS programs provide a whole world of topics to explore, including fitness, health, arts, science and technology, leadership, citizenship, life skills and careers. In addition, CYSS runs a robust sports program, with more than 112,000 children participating in team and individual sports and sports clinics.

To meet the greater need for services, CYSS has made tremendous efforts to increase access and offerings, both on and off post. On installations in the States and overseas,

CYSS has constructed 150 new child care and 24 new youth centers since 2007.

They have also introduced innovative programs such as Neighborhood Activity Homes, which provide places for older kids outside of traditional facilities. Off post, CYSS has partnered with a number of local providers and national organizations to serve Families who live in areas far from an installation or in high-impact areas where the need exceeds the capacity on the installation.

CYSS extends 16 hours of free care per month to the Families of deployed Soldiers, Wounded Warriors and Fallen Soldiers, a total of more than 1.08 million hours in fiscal year 2010.

A safe place

The focus on increasing access does two

things for our Families. When parents can take advantage of CYSS, it decreases stress on the Family. Parents know that when they are deployed, when they are working, when they are at medical appointments, their children are in a safe place.

They can focus on what they need to do, knowing that their children are well cared for. Also, these programs provide our children with much needed support. They are in a caring environment with adults and peers who understand what they are experiencing, and they have the chance to pursue a wide range of interests and build their strengths.

In addition to providing quality out-of-school programs, CYSS is also focusing on supporting military children in school. Military children attend on average nine different schools before they graduate high school. The transition between schools can be rough when there are incompatible requirements to enroll, to join extracurricular activities or to graduate.

It can be tough for students to settle in, when school personnel do not understand the issues—the stress of being the new kid yet again, the fear of separation, the disappointment that Mom or Dad is missing another game or recital.

School liason

Schools liaison officers are located at every garrison to help Families with these and other school-related issues. They play an important role in helping students make a smooth transition and succeed at their new school, by working with Families and school districts to meet needs and requirements on both sides.

In a new two-year pilot program School Liaison Officers at seven garrisons—Joint Base Lewis-McChord and Forts Benning, Bliss, Polk, Stewart, Hood, and Wainwright—will be joined by military student transition consultants.

The consultants will be located in school district offices and work closely with the School Liaison Officers to build understanding between school districts, garrisons and Families about the needs of military students and to support efforts, such as mentoring programs, which help students plug into their new school.

The consultants will be in place this May to support Families through the summer PCS season.

I can point to any number of other ways Army CYSS is doing a phenomenal job of supporting our children. In addition to daily child care and after-school care which meet the highest

national standards, CYSS provides special events and camps, both on post and far from any post.

There's Tutor.com, where students can get online tutoring anytime and anywhere. There are the Military Family Life Consultants, who provide counseling to kids in school, and the Child Behavioral Consultants, who work with children in the afterschool programs, when they are having difficulties with their parent's deployment.

Range on services

Army CYSS strives to provide a comprehensive range of services for Families to help grow strong and resilient children. However, this is only possible with the support of a number of dedicated, longstanding partners, including universities, non-profit organizations, and local and state governments.

They conduct research on the needs of military children, draft policies and legislation in support of military Families, develop curricula we use in our programs, provide training for educators, counselors and others who work with military kids, and provide services to military children who do not live near an installation.

We must continue to reach out to them and communicate how they can help our children, because we cannot do it without them.

Celebrate our kids

Month of the Military Child is an important observance, and a lot of fun. Installations worldwide are holding hundreds of fairs, parades, carnivals and other events throughout the month. I encourage you to get out in your community and join in honoring and celebrating our children.

The Army does not confine its commitment to children to one month a year—we owe our children more than that.

They do not sign up for the challenges military life brings, and yet they are right in there with us, making sacrifices everyday and showing a lot of bravery.

It's our job to do the best by them that we can, providing the care, support and opportunities they need to thrive in the face of challenges. Our children are our future: when they are strong, we are strong.

Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch
IMCOM Commanding General

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Foreign Language Translation Systems bridge the gap between Soldiers, locals

By
BRANDON POLLACHEK
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Obtaining information, providing assistance and forging relationships are very tough things to do when first meeting people, but it is even tougher when you are in a combat environment and don't speak the language. That was the scenario many U.S. forces were faced with as they began to work with local citizens in Iraq and Afghanistan trying to provide assistance, gain intelligence and a situational awareness for force protection with few ways to communicate accurately especially with a shortage of qualified linguists.

The initial solution to overcome some of the language barriers was to field a quick reaction capability that could meet the immediate need while a more robust program of record known as the machine foreign language translation system could be developed. The earliest devices that were used to bridge the gap had pre-scripted words and simple phrases such as "Get out of the car," "What is your brother's name?," "Do you have a bomb?" A Soldier would touch that phrase and it would come out in the other language letting the native speaker know what was wanted.

"Unfortunately, there aren't enough linguists to go around and not all of them can put on a rucksack and go up and down mountains in Afghanistan and follow troops around, so we have to fill that capability gap with these devices," said Mike Beaulieu, product director Machine Foreign Language Translation Systems (PD MFLTS).

The list of QRCs that were fielded includes the Foreign Media Monitoring system (FMM) which offers a real-time automatic machine translation, search, and alerting capabili-



U.S. Army photo

Machine Foreign Language Translation systems are providing Soldiers in the field with a greater ability to communicate with local populaces when linguists are not available.

ty across multiple media and languages providing rapid insight into emerging events. FMM allows for the correlation of open source information and development of intelligence products for strategic or tactical use.

PD MFLTS also fielded a 2-way Speech to Speech (2WS2S) Translator Laptop System that provides a two-way speech-to-speech machine translation capability as well as the Voice Response Translator (VRT) which provides hands free, eyes free and voice activated one-way phrase based machine translation capability. Additionally the organization fielded the Phraselator P2 which provides voice and touch activated one-way phrase based machine translation capability.

PD MFLTS' most recent activities included respond-

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Mike Beaulieu

Product director Machine Foreign Language Translation Systems

ing to an urgent operational need request from Theater, for more than 100 two way speech to speech devices that are housed on an Android based Smartphone.

In the beginning of 2011, the systems went to two battalions within the 4th Brigade Combat Team of the 101st Airborne Division that are currently deployed to Afghanistan. "Right now the systems are there on an operational assessment and they will be there until the beginning of September. During this deployment we will gather informa-

tion to improve the product and to inform a decision as to how to do a follow on product because eventually we will have a theater wide product out there," noted Beaulieu.

PD MFLTS worked with the Defense

Advanced Research Projects Agency and TRADOC Capability Manager Biometrics and Forensics to field systems that could meet the 101st's needs. The unit wanted a two way device that goes both ways and wanted it to be free speech instead of phrased based. Additionally, the organization required a handheld device that would speak two of the main languages in Afghanistan, Pashtu and Dari.

Building off of the success from previous versions of language translation systems and utilizing lessons learned from

current efforts such as the Smartphones that were fielded to the 101st, PD MFLTS will refer to all the collected feedback to inform the POR. "The POR device is going to be software but it could be that the software that we provide is an application and it resides on a Smartphone that someone else owns," said Beaulieu.

MFLTS will be designed to operate in several different configurations to include: a portable configuration (same as handheld), a mobile configuration like a laptop and then there is a net enabled configuration. Ultimately there will be a configuration form factor that would allow people to talk to others one on one in the field.

Eventually MFLTS will offer Soldiers in the field a software capability that can translate any language needed and will be embedded in other major Army programs such as the Distributed Common Ground System-Army, Prophet Enhanced and the US Army Counterintelligence and Human Intelligence Automated Reporting and Collection System where it will serve as the translation portion of those intelligence gathering and analysis systems. In addition to having a speech to speech capability the system will also be able to perform text to text as well.

As Beaulieu looks to the future, he reflected on the sheer importance MFLTS can serve. "In the counter insurgency strategy it has been recognized that language and linguistic capabilities are one of the seven key cornerstones for success in the counter insurgency strategy in Afghanistan, so this is pretty important stuff. If you can't talk to the people that you are trying to win the hearts and minds of, it is kind of hard to win a counter insurgency."

AAFES News

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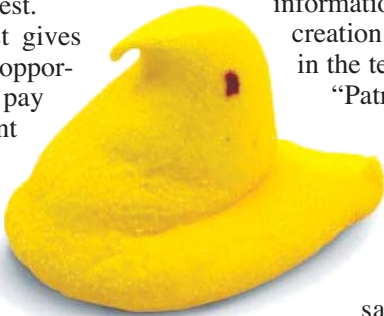
AAFES news release

Exchange Service shoppers can kick off the spring season with a chance to win up to \$500 in prizes in the Patriotic Family Diorama Contest.

The Diorama Contest gives authorized patrons the opportunity to be creative and pay tribute to past and present patriotic stories. Participants are required to use a shoebox, candy and Peeps for the characters to recreate a patriotic play, scene or event that inspires emotion.

The first place winner will receive a \$500 gift card and the runner up will take home a \$250 gift card.

Once the masterpiece has been created, entrants need to take at least two to three photos from each angle and submit



each photo to patriotfamily@aafes.com as an attachment. Name, phone number, address, closest Exchange, rank or job, title of the diorama and any additional information deemed necessary for creation should be included within the text of the email.

“Patriot Family contests continue to find ways to show appreciation to those who have served as well as get Exchange patrons involved in the most creative ways,” said Exchange’s Chief of Staff Col. Virgil Williams. “Everyone needs to ‘hop’ on this contest before Spring has sprung.”

Entries will be accepted through April 25. Judging will be based on originality, innovation, and the entrant’s ability to portray each scene in a respectable manner.

Outdoor Living Catalog brings resort comforts home

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Americans are recovering from an ailing economy and are continuing to find ways to cut expenses and save money. According to a study done by the Retail Group research store, consumer spending forecasts predict a decline in spending on spring and summer vacations as gas prices rise higher and air travel gets more expensive. On the other hand, trends for outdoor home decor are expected to show significant growth over the next several years as more homeowners embrace home resorts and staycations.

With that in mind, the new Outdoor Living Catalog for Spring/Summer 2011 is placing a special emphasis on “value pricing,” with patio sets ranging from \$199 to \$399, above ground pools for as low as \$895 and several assortments of gas grills from \$69 to \$499.

The 36-page Outdoor Living Exchange Catalog is available at all main stores and online at shopmyexchange.com <http://www.aafes.com>, usmc-mccs.org, navy-nex.com or cg-exchange.com.

Prices in this all-services catalog are valid through July 5, for any authorized exchange customer. Active duty military members of the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard, as well

as military retirees, reservists, National Guardsmen, Department of Defense civilians stationed overseas, exchange employees and their Family members are all authorized exchange privileges.

Orders can be placed by mail, fax or phone. Toll-free orders can be placed from the United States, Puerto Rico or Guam at 800-527-2345. The Exchange Catalog center is open around the clock, seven days a week.

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Scam alert: Veterans Affairs Services not the VA

NGB news release

The National Guard Bureau has sent out a notice in reference to a group called “Veterans Affairs Services.”

An organization called Veterans Affairs Services is providing benefit and general information on VA and gathering personal information on veterans. This organization is not affiliated with VA in any way. Websites with the name “VA services” immediately after the “www” are not part of the Department of Veterans Affairs; the real VA website ends in .gov.

If approached or called, do not offer any information concerning yourself or data on other veterans. The Department of Veterans Affairs does not randomly call veterans, nor does it ask veterans for information which it does not

already have.

If you have not dealt with the VA previously and in person, then you receive a call from someone saying they are with the VA or something similar, hang up the phone. Also, do not respond to emails that suggest they are from the VA. The VA never conducts official business nor asks for personal information via email.

VAS may be gaining access to military personnel through their close resemblance to the VA name and seal. NGB Legal Counsel has requested that the NGB Provost Marshal Office coordinate with the Department of Defense to inform military installations, particularly mobilization sites, of this group and their lack of affiliation or endorsement by VA to provide any services.



Holy Season worship schedule

Lenten and Easter services

All are welcome to attend The Drama of Easter, 6 a.m., April 24 behind the Top of the Bay. Breakfast will be served at the Main Post Chapel following the service.

Lenten and Bible Study will be held noon, April 20 in the Main Post Chapel Fellowship Hall.

Last Supper Presentation

The Main Post Protestant congregation is not holding an Easter Cantana this year. Instead they are presenting a Living Last Supper April 21 at 7 p.m. at the chapel at APG North (Aberdeen). The LLS re-creates Leonardo da Vinci’s famous painting. Call 410-278-4333 for more information.

Main Post Chapel (Aberdeen Area)

Catholic services

- April 17, 8:30 a.m., Palm Sunday
- April 20, 6:30 p.m., Anointing Mass
- April 22, 3 p.m., Veneration of Cross
- April 23, 8 p.m., Easter Vigil Mass
- April 24, 8:45 a.m., Easter Sunday

Protestant

- April 17, 10:15 a.m., sixth Sunday of Lent
- April 24, 10:15 a.m., Easter Sunday

Gospel

- April 17, noon, Palm Sunday
- April 24, noon, Easter Sunday

Edgewood Area

Catholic services

- April 17, 10:45 a.m., Palm Sunday
- April 21, 7 p.m., Holy Thursday Mass
- April 22, 3 p.m., Veneration of the Cross
- April 24, 10:45 a.m., Easter Sunday

Protestant

- April 17, 9:15 a.m., Palm Sunday
- April 24, 9:15 a.m., Easter Sunday

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FAMILY AND MWR

Activities/Events

Scrapbooking crop April 16

The Civilian Welfare Fund will sponsor a Scrapbooking crop for seasonal scrapbookers or anyone who has always wanted to try it. “Crop Till You Drop” 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326. The cost to attend is \$25 per person and includes lunch, door prizes and giveaways. Vendors will have items for sale and optional classes will be offered. Call now to reserve a spot or table of friends. Contact Patti Harkins at 410-436-4467 or patti.harkins@us.army.mil.

Indoor walking during lunch

Rain or snow, walkers on APG can still get their exercise every day. Walk at lunch time, 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326. Indoor walking with DVD. For more information, call 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil

Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program

The Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program is committed to offering support to the APG Family through a series of dynamic classes. What makes FAP classes so dynamic is a mix of the community members who participate, the exciting and innovative materials, and the facilitators. Classes are free and are open to all members of the APG community, so don’t delay. Families can get the tools that they need to get on the right track by joining a FAP class today.

Looking for a job?

Visit FMWR Jobs Available at www.apgmwr.com. All jobs for Aberdeen Proving Ground are listed at <http://www.armycivilianservice.com> or check out AAFES Jobs link <http://odin.aafes.com/employment/> for additional job opportunities.



All programs will be held at ACS, Bldg. 2503 High Point Road.

- Effective Parenting for ages birth through age 5: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., April 19 and 26
- Couples Communication Class: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., April 20 and 27
- Blended Families (Stepfamilies): 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., May 5, 12 and 26
- Staying Connected With Your Teen: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., June 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30

For more information or to register, call 410-278-7478.

APG Softball

APG Softball Leagues signup deadline is April 21. Rules meeting is April 28 at 5 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center. The regular season will begin the week of May 3 and is open to all eligible MWR patrons. This is a coed program. There are leagues in both the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas and play is by modified ASA rules. There is a fee of \$250 per team due before the season starts. Call the Sports Office at 410-278-3929.

Personal Training

APG Sports Branch is offering personal training programs. All active duty military and Family members, DoD civilians and family members, and DoD contractors are eligible. Training is offered at the athletic center, fitness center and Hoyle Gym to assist customers in meeting their personal fitness needs. The program is offered in individual half-hour and one-hour sessions and blocks of sessions. Individual half-hour sessions cost \$40 each; one-hour sessions cost \$55 each. Blocks of six half-hour sessions for the cost of five sessions is \$200; blocks of six sessions for the cost of five sessions is \$275. Contact the athletic center or Hoyle Gym for details.

Luray Caverns discount

Take a spin through time, 400 million years worth to be exact, to discover the amazing history of these unearthly caverns. Tickets cost \$18.25 for adults 13 years and older; tickets for children ages 3 to 12 cost \$9.25. Luray Caverns

is located on 970 Highway 211 West, Luray, Va., in the Shenandoah Valley. Prices are subject to change without notice. Visit <http://www.luraycaverns.com/PlanyourVisit/AboutLurayCaverns/tabid/507/Default.aspx>. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the MWR Leisure Travel Office at 410-278-4011/4907, visit the AA Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326 or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

Discount Aquarium tickets

The Leisure Travel Office offers discount tickets to the National Aquarium in Baltimore. Adult tickets cost \$23.25 per person; tickets for children ages 3 to 11 cost \$17.50; active duty tickets cost \$19 each and are issued one per active duty ID card only. Tickets do not include the dolphin show or the 4D Theater, but are upgradeable at the aquarium. Take an unforgettable journey into the mysteries of water and the beauty of the natural world. Watch brilliantly colored triggerfish explore a coral reef. Marvel as sharks glide through the shadowy depths just an arm’s length away. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the MWR Leisure Travel Office at 410-278-4011/4907, visit the AA Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326 or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

Board horses at APG Stables

The APG stables are a self-care boarding facility located in the Edgewood Area, Bldg. E5286, for privately owned horses of military and civilian employees, retirees and Family members. All patrons must have a valid military or installation ID card. Monthly stall fees include: Four turn-out pastures
Lighted riding arena
Water troughs in each pasture
Run-in sheds
Barn with water and electricity
Tack rooms, grain room and hay storage provided
For more information or to sign up, call Outdoor Recreation at 410-278-

4124 or visit www.apgmwr.com/recreation/odr/stables.html.

Developmental delay service offered

ACS/Exceptional Family Member Program is sponsoring Harford County Infants and Toddlers at the Ruggles Golf Course Sutherland Club House March 16 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. The Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program provides a variety of early intervention services (speech, occupational, and physical therapies and special instruction, etc.) to children from birth to age 5 and who are at risk for developmental delay, have developmental delays or atypical development. Services are provided at no cost to children living in Harford County. Nicol Elliott, Program Manager will provide an overview of the program, its services and the eligibility/referral process. Kelly Nelson, family support services coordinator will discuss the services and resources available to family members participating in the program. For information, call Nancy Goucher at 410-278-2420.

Early morning fitness classes

The Aberdeen Area Athletic Center, Bldg. 3300, will hold boot camp fitness classes from 6 to 6:45 a.m., on Mondays and Wednesdays. For information, call 410-278-7934/ 7933.

Daily bus trips to Atlantic City now cost \$29 per person

The cost of the daily bus service to Trump Taj Mahal Casino has increased to \$29 per person. Only for ages 21 and over. The bus will leave Vitali’s Restaurant, Best Western in Edgewood 9 a.m. and return 9 p.m. Seating is limited and sells quickly. Seats must be purchased at least two weeks in advance. For more information, contact MWR Leisure Travel Services, AA Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail APGRUSAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

April bowling specials

- Early Bird Special: Bowl from 7 to 10 a.m. for \$1 per game. Shoe rental costs \$2.
- Each Friday, 9:30 to 11 p.m., bowl for \$1.50 per game. Shoe rental costs \$1.
- Cosmic Saturdays: Each Saturday, receive one hour of bowling, one whole cheese pizza (toppings extra)

and one pitcher of soda for \$32. Shoe rental costs \$2.

Bowling rates

Bowling costs \$3 per game, Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; games cost \$3.50 each on Fridays, 9:30 to 11 p.m.; Cosmic Saturdays cost \$3.75 per game; and \$3 per game on Sundays.

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials

Building 2342

The Bowling Center hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday and Tuesday; 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday; 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday; 1 to 11 p.m., Saturday; and 1 to 6 p.m., Sunday. Lunch delivery is available for orders of \$25 or more. Call for delivery before 11 a.m.

Week of April 11

Special #1: Veal parmesan on bowler burger roll with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$5.25.
Special #2: Egg salad sandwich with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$4.50.

The Bowling Center also serves breakfast. For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-4041. Orders must be placed before 10:30 a.m.



COMMUNITY NOTES

THURSDAY APRIL 14 ANNUAL CHILD CARE CONFERENCE

Local child care providers and members of the Harford/Cecil County Child Care Directors and Child Care Home Providers Associations are invited to attend Harford Community College's annual child care conference, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Chesapeake Center Dining Rooms, Harford Community College.

Sessions are developed around the theme Please Read With Me: Helping Toddlers and Preschoolers Fall in Love With Books. Guest speaker is Linda Mawhinney, speech pathologist. Call 443-412-2376.

FRIDAY APRIL 15 KARAOKE

It's back! VFW Charlton-Miller Post 6054 located on 206 Spesutia Road, Aberdeen will have karaoke with TC and company, 8 p.m. on the second Friday of each month.

For more information, call 410-272-3444.

ENGINEERING OPEN HOUSE/ MINI JOB FAIR

R4, Incorporated, a Defense Contractor specializing in Counter-IED Technologies, will host an engineering open house April 15 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at its Edgewood facility—about five minutes outside of the APG South gate.

Also in attendance will be Syner-

fac Technical Staffing, a recruiting firm specializing in the placement of engineering professionals on a direct and contract basis.

Experienced engineers with a background in electrical, mechanical, systems, or software engineering are invited to stop by to learn more about potential employment opportunities in Edgewood and the surrounding communities. A bachelor's or associate's degree, along with a security clearance, is strongly preferred but not required to attend.

The open house is free, and will be held at 2204 Lakeside Blvd, Suite A in Edgewood. Email edarney@r4-inc.com for additional details.

SATURDAY APRIL 16 TEXAS HOLD'EM

American Legion Susquehanna Post 135, 300 Cherry Street, Perryville, will hold Texas Hold'em. A cash game will be held 1 p.m. Registration at 3 p.m., game begins 4 p.m. There is a \$50 buy in. Side tables will be available. First come, first served. There will be sandwiches and a cash bar.

For more information, call 410-642-2771.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY APRIL 16 AND 17 6TH HAVRE DE GRACE CITY- WIDE YARD SALE

The 6th Havre de Grace Community City-Wide Yard Sale will be held 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 16 and 17. Individuals holding their own yard sales,

garage sales, flea markets or sidewalk sales will be assisted with advertising. There is no cost to anyone listing their participation – individuals can advertise on their own also. To rent a space, spaces are available for \$10 a day at 226 North Union Avenue (proceeds benefit the HDG Historic Preservation Commission).

For more information, call Ron at 410-939-6562, cell 410-458-2646 or call the Visitor Center, 410-939-2100.

SATURDAY APRIL 30 STEPPINGSTONE MUSEUM FLEA MARKET

An outdoor flea market will be held 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Steppingstone Museum, 461 Quaker Bottom Road, Havre de Grace. Search for great bargains or sell stuff that's just been cleaned out of the closet. Vendor spaces cost \$20. Admission is free. For information, call 410-939-2299 or 888-419-1762, or email steppingstonemuseum@msn.com.

LYRIC OPERA BALTIMORE TO PERFORM IN HARFORD

The Havre de Grace Arts Commission will sponsor the Lyric Opera Baltimore, 7 p.m. at Havre de Grace United Methodist Church, 101 South Union Avenue, Havre de Grace. Doors open 6:30 p.m. The Lyric Opera Baltimore will perform highlights from "La Traviata," "Le Nozze di Figaro" and "Faust" and favorites from other operas. Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, payable by cash or check to

the HdG Arts Commission. Pre-event sales are available at Havre de Grace Visitor Center, 410-929-2100; Preston's Stationery, Bel Air, 410-838-5858; and at the door.

For more information, visit www.ModelIPAC.com.

COUPLE'S BOWLING FUNDRAISER

Bring your partner to the Harford County Mocha Moms Couple's Bowling Fundraiser, 7 to 9 p.m. at AMF Country Club Lanes, 9020 Pulaski Highway, Baltimore. Tickets cost \$20 per person in advance; cost includes shoe rental. There will be a prize for the highest score. Donations will be collected at the event for the Harford House homeless shelter.

For more information, call Tricia Clarke, 212-960-8070.

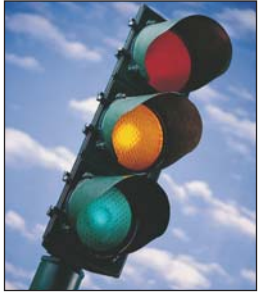
BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo will be held at the VFW Darlington-Dublin Memorial Post 10146 located on 3440 Conowingo Road, Street, Md. Doors open 6 p.m.; Bingo starts 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 each with \$5 for extra packs. There will be a drawing for a basket of cheer and a voucher for a free bushel of crabs. Food and drinks will be available.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Sue Rigdon 410-838-1542 or Shirley Wagner, 410-939-2045 or email shirley.wagner@comcast.net.

More calendar events can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil under Community Notes.

Post SHORTS



Traffic Update

Due to ongoing construction at Aberdeen Proving Ground, traffic routes will continue to change. For continuous updates, visit the APG Live Blog at <http://apg.armylive.dodlive.mil/?p=762>.

Veteran and Active Military Appreciation Nights

In an effort to honor the military, the Bowie Baysox, the Double-A affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles will introduce five branch-specific Veteran and Active Military Appreciation Nights on select Wednesday nights during their 2011 season. Ask about the Bowie Baysox group rates and active military discounts at all regular season games. Each night is themed, but none are exclusive to a specific branch.

- April 20, Navy
- May 4, Coast Guard
- May 11, open to all
- June 1, Air Force
- July 6, Marines
- Aug. 31, Army

Stop by MWR office for \$7 Lower Reserve seats.

Directions for the Bowie Baysox: Take Exit 13A off of Highway 50, Prince George's Stadium, 4101 Crain Highway, Bowie, Md.

For more information, call 301-805-6000, visit www.baysox.com or e-mail Jerran Leber at jleber@baysox.com.

DFACS serving up customer appreciation meal April 19

The Customer Appreciation Specialty Meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facility, building 4503 and the Edgewood Area dining facility, building E4225, 5:30 to 7 p.m. April 19.

During this event all military personnel, Family members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine.

The standard meal rate of \$4.25 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and Family member of sergeant or above, DoD civilian, retiree and their guests. The discount meal rate of \$3.65 applies to spouses and other Family members of enlisted personnel in the ranks private through specialist/corporal.

For more information, call Edward Porylo or Ernest Green, 410-278-3142/3892.

MCSC Cookbooks on sale

The Military, Civilian and Spouses' Club of APG has compiled its best recipes from members and friends into a keep-

sake cookbook. The one-of-a-kind cookbooks cost \$15 and are available from any MCSC member or online at www.apgmcsc.org. Delivery is free on APG and within Harford County. Proceeds go to the MCSC Welfare and Scholarship Fund. Cookbook recipes include appetizers, main dishes, desserts and much more. Contact Annie Brock at 443-686-1484 or president@apgmcsc.org.

Tax centers close April 15

This year's Installation Tax Assistance Program, directed by the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Client Services Division, will conclude April 15. After April 15, the staff of the Client Services Division will only provide limited income tax preparation assistance to service members returning from combat zones and contingency operations.

Income tax questions should be addressed to Client Services at 410-278-1583 or by visiting Bldg. 4305, third floor, room 346.

Taxpayers are reminded that the deadline for filing federal tax returns has been extended to April 18.

Arbor Day event set April 29

This year's APG Arbor Day/Earth Day celebration theme is "APG-Light of the Bay." Arbor Day will be held 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., April 29 at the APG museum. Events will include awards for best poster essays as written by students from Harford, Cecil and Baltimore county schools. For more information, call 410-278-5014.

Days of Remembrance May 3

Team APG will present the Holocaust Days of Remembrance observance at 10 a.m. May 3 at the APG South (Edgewood) Recreation Center, Bldg. E4140. The theme is "Justice and Accountability in the Face of Genocide: What Have We Learned?" Guest speaker will be Holocaust survivor Nicholas Attias.

For information, call 410-306-2053, 410-436-1023 or 410-278-5964.

Ready to start or continue school?

The University of Maryland University College will sponsor a Start Up Event,

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., May 10 at UMUC's APG office, Room 210 of the Janet M. Barr Soldier Support Center on Susquehanna Avenue.

This is for people who want to start or continue their education. Advisors will be available to help put together a degree plan. Students who make application at this event will have their \$50 application fee waived (not available for doctor of management applicants). Call 410-272-8269.

Jefferson Proving Ground

The JPG Heritage Partnership produced a book on Reminiscences and Reflections of former Army base U.S. Army Jefferson Proving Ground. There will be a book signing and sale, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 4 at the JPG Permanent Exhibit of the Jefferson County Historical Society, located on 615 West First Street 47250, next to the Red Caboose, one street up from the Ohio River. The book tells of the creation, support and history of Jefferson Proving Ground, established in 1940 and closed in 1995. Visit www.jpgheritage.org.

View CAC meetings online

Miss the March Community Action Council Meeting? View the video online at <http://www.youtube.com/usagapgpaol/>.

Fire hydrant flushing event

Aberdeen Proving Ground's DPW Waterworks Branch will be conducting its semiannual fire hydrant flushing event to maintain water quality in the system. Activities will continue through the month of April. Brown water issues are possible during this time. If residents or personnel have any questions or concerns including extended periods of brown water, call Ron Gentry at 436-2196.

Local Hazards Course

The Local Hazards Course is designed to familiarize drivers new to the installation with local driving hazards. The course is mandatory for all Soldiers and Family members who drive, civilians and contractors within 90 days of their arrival at APG. It is also mandatory for anyone who is TDY for 30 days or more at APG and Soldiers younger than 25.

The 30-minute course is held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Bldg. 4305, Room 243B.

Intermediate Driver's Course

This two-and-a-half hour course is held 1 to 3:30 p.m. in Bldg. 4305, Room 243B. Course dates are May 11, June 13, July 11, Aug. 8, Sept. 12, Oct. 31, Nov. 14 and Dec. 12.

Additional LHC and IDC classes will be added as needed.

Attendees must register online at AIRS through the APG Web site or at <https://airs.lmi.org>.

For more information, call 410-306-1081.

Armed Forces Day Race

Sign up now for the APG Armed Forces Day Race, a 10K (6.2 mile) race commemorating Armed Forces Day. The race will take place 8 a.m., Saturday, May 21 at the APG North (Aberdeen) Athletic Center, Bldg. 3300.

Race day registration is 6 a.m. Entry fees cost \$30 through May 15; and \$35 after May 15 and on race day. Military will receive a \$5 discount; all E-1 through E-3 run free (contact your first sergeant). This event is open to the public and T-shirts will be provided to all runners. Entry forms are available at www.charm-cityrun.com. For directions to APG, visit www.apgmwr.com

For more information, call Donna Coyne at 410-278-7934.

Transition assistance available

To assist Soldiers in the transition from active duty to civilian life, APG offers Transition Assistance Program classes, which are facilitated by state employment services personnel. Guest speakers offer information about on finance, transportation, VA benefits, education and more.

Learn about job searches, career decision-making, resume writing and interviewing. Classes are held on APG North (Aberdeen) in Bldg. 4305 (Janet M. Barr Soldier Support Center) on Susquehanna Avenue monthly except in December. Participants must be within one year of separation date and two years from retirement date. Spouses are welcome. Register to attend at www.apg.army.mil. Or contact Debbie Edmonds at 410-306-2354 or dedmonds@dlr.state.md.us, or Jack Charles at 410-836-4635 or jcharles@dlr.state.md.us.

Change, cash awards could be just a suggestion away

The Army Suggestion Program encourages Soldiers and civilians to submit ideas that increase the efficiency and productivity of the Army. The ASP seeks suggestions that improve work methods, materials, processes, equipment, logistics, utilities or tools that will benefit the Army. Suggestions that save money can be eligible for a cash award up to \$25,000. The more money saved, the larger the potential award. Visit <https://armsuggestions.army.mil> for info, or contact Marjorie Sexton, Installation ASP coordinator, at 410-278-0944 or marjorie.sexton1@us.army.mil.

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APRIL IS ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

How much alcohol is too much?

By
STEVEN A. CARRERAS, PH.D.
U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional)

Statistics on too much alcohol consumption usually are reported in the media in terms of the effects on the person (impaired driving) or the body (health problems). Ad campaigns and public service announcements remind consumers to drink responsibly. But just how much alcohol is too much?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, heavy drinking is defined as consuming more than “two drinks per day on average for men and one drink per day for women.” Binge drinking is defined as consuming “five or more drinks in a single occasion for men and four or more drinks for women.” In 2008, the CDC estimates five percent of the U.S. adult population (age 21 and older) drank heavily, while 15 percent binge drank. Between the years 2001 and 2005, the CDC attributed 79,000 deaths to excessive alcohol use — the third leading lifestyle-related cause of death in the United States.

In 2005, there were more than 1.6 million hospitalizations and more than four million emergency room visits for alcohol-related conditions.

Underage consumption of alcohol (below age 21) is also problematic in the United States. For example, the CDC estimates underage drinking (age 12-20) accounts for 11 percent of all alcohol consumed in the United States; 90 percent of underage drinking is done in the form of binge drinking and is highest in the 18- to 20-year-old group (51 percent. In 2005, 145,000 emergency room visits were due to underage consumption of alcohol.

Rates of alcohol consumption for Department of Defense personnel are measured by the Alcohol Use Dis-

orders Identification Test. Overall binge drinking rates increased between 1998 and 2008. Heavy drinking rates in the military for persons aged 18-25 are 26 percent as compared to 16 percent for civilians in the same age group. Heavy drinking across all age groups is higher for military personnel (20 percent) as compared to civilians (14 percent). For the Army, heavy drinking was 22 percent.

According to the DOD, “nearly one-quarter of all heavy drinkers had one or more serious consequences (23 percent), a rate that was three to six times as high as that for any other group of drinkers.” Serious consequences include, “time away from work due to alcohol use; arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol;

getting into fights; causing an accident or illness and receiving a low performance rating.

For the Army, among heavy drinkers, the rate of serious consequences was 25 percent.

Here are some suggestions from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism to reduce excessive alcohol consumption:

- 1) Pace yourself—sip slowly.
- 2) Consume non-alcoholic drinks when drinking alcohol as well.
- 3) Don’t drink on an empty stomach.
- 4) Know your triggers and avoid them.
- 5) Reach out to friends or family if feeling overwhelmed (triggered) or seek professional help.

For more information on reducing alcohol consumption:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, <http://www.cdc.gov/alcohol/index.htm>.
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, http://www.cdc.gov/alcohol/quickstats/underage_drinking.htm
- National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, <http://pubs.niaaa.nih.gov/publications/Tips/tips.htm>

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New campus built on tradition of excellence

CECOM Public Affairs

As the Command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, or C4ISR, Center of Excellence springs to life with new people from across the C4ISR materiel enterprise, the campus’ facilities reflect a collaborative concept for the future that houses research and development, acquisition, engineering, logistics, staff headquarters functions and more.

Yet, these modern facilities also build on the traditions of the past...of Fort Monmouth, of the Signal Corps, of pioneers in communications, and of decades of support to our Soldiers, according to Melissa Ziobro, historian from the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command.

“We decided on names for buildings within the Center of Excellence campus that highlight the spirit of innovation and a culture of technological advancement,” she explained.

Aberdeen Proving Ground’s Garrison Commander Colonel Orlando W. Ortiz approved the memorialization actions for the Center of Excellence campus in accordance with Army Regulation 1-33, “The Army Memorial Program.”

The memorializations are:

- Building 6000, the campus auditorium, is now named for Brig. Gen. Albert James Myer, the father of the Signal Corps;



U.S. Army photo

Today’s modern facilities also build on the traditions of the past...of Fort Monmouth, of the Signal Corps, of pioneers in communications, and of decades of support to our Soldiers.

- Building 6001, HQ/BES East, for Col. Charles S. Wallace, who signed the contract with the Wright Brothers for the first military airplane in 1908;
- Building 6002, HQ/BES West, for FM radio pioneer Maj. Edwin Howard Armstrong;
- Building 6003, the GMS Lab, for Dr. Walter McAfee, the renowned physicist who helped put man’s imprint on the moon for the first time with radar;
- Building 6006, the GMS Tower, for Night Vision pioneer Dr. Rudolf Buser;
- Building 6007, C2/CNT West, for Rear Admiral Grace Hopper, a pioneer computer programmer and co-inventor of COBOL (Common Business Oriented Language);
- Building 6008, the mission training facility, for Lt. Gen. Alfred Mallette,

commander of CECOM during the Gulf War;

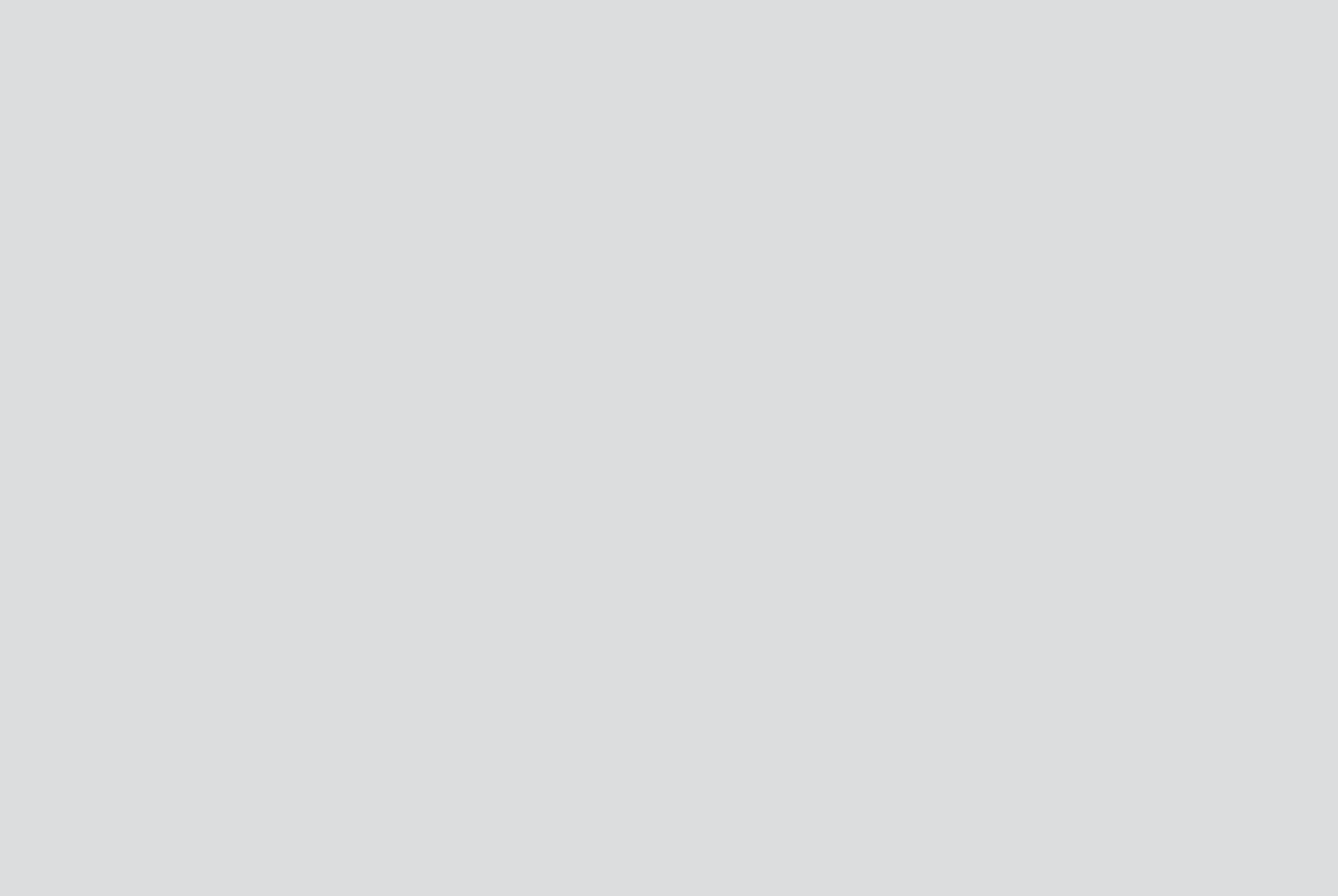
- Building 6009/10, C2/CNT East, for Col. William Blair, the “father of radar;”

CECOM Commander Maj. Gen. Randolph P. Strong; Program Executive Officer (PEO) for Command, Control, and Communications-Tactical Brig. Gen. Lee Price; former PEO for Intelligence, Electronic Warfare, and Sensors Thomas Cole; U.S. Army Contracting Command Contracting Center Director Mr. Edward Elgart; and former Communications-Electronics Research Development, and Engineering Center Director Mr. Gary Blohm constituted the board of leaders who selected the individuals to be memorialized.

While the new facilities represent a new chapter in these organizations’ shared history, Maj. Gen. Strong said that “As we move to APG, the culture that has been created by so many amazing people will be moving too.”

Naming buildings on the new campus provides just one opportunity to ensure that the organizations’ retain their shared cultural heritage throughout the Base Realignment and Closure process, Ziobro said. Future efforts will include the relocation of monuments and memorials from Fort Monmouth to the new campus, and the creation of several lobby displays featuring artifacts from the Army Museum System.

How are we doing? E-mail comments and suggestions for the APG News to the editor at editor-APG@conus.army.mil



Week-long celebration set

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and show the community a good time. The week will kick off with a golf tournament and will follow up with a veteran’s lunch and 10K run. One of the premier activities is a Harford County-sponsored dinner cruise that will feature the relighting of the historic Pooles Island Lighthouse, the oldest standing lighthouse in Maryland. Tickets for the Spirit of Baltimore cruise can be purchased from Harford County Chamber of Commerce at 410-838-2020.

Terri Kaltenbacher, an environmental planner with the installation’s Directorate of Public Works Cultural Resources Program, is organizing the Pooles Island Lighthouse event. She said “relighting the lighthouse is a symbolic gesture that not only rekindles and highlights the rich Chesapeake Bay maritime history, but also demonstrates that APG continues to strive towards responsible natural and cultural resources stewardship.

“There are many positive, but potentially disruptive, changes happening here as we become the premiere Army Research, Development, Testing, and Evaluation facility in the nation,” said Kaltenbacher. “The lighthouse can serve as our guiding beacon by reminding us to always remember to protect and preserve our past for the benefit of future generations.

Kaltenbacher said the installation’s senior leadership views the historic lighthouse as APG’s welcoming symbol, “uniting all the diverse organizations that make up Team APG.”

Local schools will visit the installation May 18 when Armed Forces Day will be observed at the APG Museum grounds. Activities will include a Gold Star Family breakfast, a re-signing of the Community Covenant, an air demonstration, vehicle and aircraft displays, historical reenactments, food vendors and live



entertainment. “This will definitely be the largest Armed Forces Week celebration the APG community has seen in over 15 years,” McCormick said. “Growing up in a mili-

tary family, Armed Forces Day was a big event that I looked forward to every year, and I’m looking forward to bringing it back to its glory days, sharing that piece of our history with the community.”

Cohort raising awareness

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He said he was grateful to everyone who took an interest in his situation, particularly Lint, CECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Tyrone Johnson and APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades.

He said he read about another wounded warrior who was seeking employment at the Pentagon.

“I figured, why go all the way to the Pentagon when I live in Cecil County and can work [at APG],” he said. “My goal is to get the word out about the Wounded Warrior Program. Maybe there’s another guy out there who can be helped by my story.”

APG’s Senior Leadership Cohort is seeking to adopt the Army’s Wounded Warrior Program at APG and facilitate the hiring of wounded warriors locally, said Cindy Sepulveda of the Civilian Human Resource Agency’s Human Resources Programs Division.

According to Sepulveda, Cohort member James Lint, the director of intelligence and security/G2, U.S. Army Communications Electronics Command, contacted her after being briefed on the program.

Lint contacted Sepulveda in early December 2010 about placing Perry into the CHRA Expedited Referral Process. Later that month, Perry provided the required information and was added to

the Wounded Warrior Online Inventory. He was offered the position Jan. 4, his birthday, and began work four weeks later.

“We, at CHRA match resumes to where wounded warriors want to be employed,” she said. “When Mister Lint was briefed, he thought Mister Perry would make a good fit into their organization.”

Other Wounded Warrior programs include the Navy’s Safe Harbor and the Marines’ Wounded Warrior Regiment programs, she added, noting that Perry was CHRA’s first Navy registrant.

“We are networking across the Department of Defense to cross-level wounded warrior resumes and increase their opportunities in finding jobs,” Sepulveda said.

Sepulveda said the program complements the initiatives of President Barack Obama’s executive orders EO 13518: Employment of Veterans in the Federal Government and EO 13548: Increasing Federal Employment of Individuals with Disabilities.

Wounded warriors can learn more about the CHRA Expedited Referral Process by contacting their Wounded Warrior Advocate or the Army Wounded Warrior Program office. Once resumes are added to CHRA’s Wounded Warrior

Online Resume Inventory, hiring managers and human resources professionals have access to information needed for job placement.

“This is not a mandatory placement program for managers,” Sepulveda said, “but a way to leverage wounded warrior resumes. It maximizes exposure of their resumes and helps hiring managers fill jobs fast.”

Lint said that as a veteran, he can empathize with the employment obstacles facing America’s wounded.

“The Aberdeen Proving Ground Senior Leader Cohort set out with a goal to raise the awareness of our community of Combat Wounded Veterans about the Wounded Warriors Program. Having spent seven years in the Marine Corps and another fourteen as a Soldier in the Army, I can relate to the struggles our veterans face when returning home.

These young men and women ask so little, but give so much,” he said. “The least we can do is to help make their transition from military to civilian life as uncomplicated as possible.”

To date, the program has placed 74 wounded veterans worldwide, according to Kelly Luster, strategic communications officer for the CECOM G3/5 Public Affairs Office.

IEW&S give EA a tough run

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backs. Tonight, [IEW&S] is trying hard to win,” he said from the sidelines during the championship game. “They’re very good and we have to respect everything they do out there.”

IEW&S, led by Coach Jamaal Shepard, didn’t make it an easy win for Elite. Shepard and company led for almost the entire first half and carried a 25-21 half-time lead.

“The season was pretty good. They’re a pretty good team but so are we,” said Shepard, predicting that the key to the second half would be control. “We have to control the pace and play our game.”

The team of all civilians from the Program Executive Office, Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors, is in its first year at APG after relocating from New Jersey in 2010 under the Base Realignment and Closure Act. The team lost only three games all season, two of them to the Elite.

During the first half, the teams’ punishing defense seemed to take Elite off its game.

IEW&S’ victory, however, was short lived. Shortly after the break, Elite led IEW&S 27-25 with just over 16 minutes to play thanks to steals, fast breaks



Photo by Yvonne Johnson

The Edgewood Area Elite basketball team beat out IEW&S to win its second consecutive APG Civilian League championship

and much more aggressive play overall. Once Elite gained a double-digit lead, they never looked back.

“My team played their butts off, and

that’s why they’re champions,” Pettaway said.

“But we’ll be back next year,” said Shepard.

HIRED! program running

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him how to fix and maintain heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems.

“The program showed me that this is what I really want to do and what real life is all about,” he said. “I highly recommend it to students that want to work on APG.”

Goulden credits his dad for showing him the HIRED! ad in the *APG News*,” but Jay McKinney, a workforce preparation specialist for Child and Youth School Services, said it was Goulden’s motivation during the apprenticeship that earned him a slot.

“He applied himself,” McKinney said. “He was able to get his foot in the door by working hard and the (DPW employees) liked his work ethic. I am really proud of him. He is on the path to success.”

McKinney said HIRED! was first offered at APG two years ago and has grown in popularity through word of mouth and teen profiles featured in the *APG News*. He said his goal is to help students get apprenticeships in areas where they exhibit skill and show interest.

The HIRED! summer semester is full and there, but APG teens can attend any of the program’s job training.

About HIRED!

HIRED! provides paid apprenticeships for students ages 15 to 18. The program lasts 12 weeks and gives participants the option of working in the same location for an additional semester.

HIRED! offers a variety of job placements at FMWR facilities for teens of military and government civilians assigned to APG. To secure apprenticeships, candidates must achieve and maintain a 2.0 grade point average or higher before completing a pre-assessment and interviews with facility managers.

Depending on the skills and interest teens show in these interviews, they are placed with an appropriate organization under the direct supervision of a designated on-site mentor who is responsible for instructing their individual apprentices.

For more information, call McKinney at 410-278-3250 or visit http://www.apgmwr.com/family/youth_hired.html. Teens are still being signed up for the fall wait list.

FCC, other options offered for child care

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Army Center of Standardization guidelines, “so that when a child moves and goes to a new CDC they will experience a sense of familiarity,” explained Strauss.

Currently there is a waiting list for enrollment into the CDC and summer camp programs. Strauss said CYSS plans to expand the summer camp program in 2012.

The installation’s Parent Central Office, on the second floor of Bldg. 2503, is being used as a resource and referral office for parents seeking local child care and summer camps. Information on how military and civilian Families can qualify for subsidized child care is also available.

Active duty parents receive a free membership to Sittercity, an online resource that connects Families with local in-home care providers, including nannies, eldercare providers, dog walkers and more. Visit www.sittercity.com/dod.

Parents may also use Family Child Care. FCC provides small group care in certified homes in installations housing areas and throughout Harford and Cecil counties.

To enroll in an FCC home, call 410-278-7477/7140. For information on CYSS programs, call 410-278-7571/7479.

APG SNAPSHOT

A peek at the events making news in and around U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground. For complete photo coverage, visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/usagapg/> or <http://www.flickr.com/photos/rdecom>.



TO THE RESCUE

Joe Ondek of the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center and Jessica Baylor of the garrison environmental office place an eaglet into a transfer bag as wildlife biologist John Paul looks on. The bird was discovered on the ground after a violent storm two weeks ago. Too young to fly or fend for itself, the eaglet was transported to Tri-State Bird Rescue in Newark, Del., for examination before being placed in a surrogate nest by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Pick up the April 21 issue of the APG News for the full story.

Photo by Lynda Hartzell



Photo by Teri Hall

SMOKE IN THE FLAVOR

Chris Hall demonstrates where to properly place meat on a smoker during a daylong BBQ Bootcamp April 2 at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center and instructed members of 3-EYZ BBQ, a competitive barbecue team. Hall is a member of 3-EYZ BBQ, which has won nine grand championships, 11 reserve grand championships and more than 190 Top 10 awards in the last two years. They hold first place in the Overall Rub Category in the Great American Barbeque 2009 and the title of Mid Atlantic BBQ Association's 2010 Team of the Year. 3-EYZ BBQ has been featured on TLC's BBQ Pitmasters' Season II. The next BBQ Bootcamp, hosted by the installation's FMWR, is slated May 7. Visit www.apgmwr.com for reservations and information.



Photo by Matt Aughey

A PEEP WAS HEARD

Spc. Carlos Rios, the president of APG's Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, poses in a candy marshmallow costume with America's Mrs. Maryland Laurena Bell. Bell is a mission support specialist with APG's Chemical Materials Agency. The event was hosted by Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation and included games and activities for children.

UP AND AWAY!

Children from the APG North (Aberdeen) Child Development Center release balloons during their Month of the Military Child opening ceremony April 4. Afterwards the children and caregivers marched in a parade led by the Boumi Highlanders, a pipe band. Linda Edwards, business manager for Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, told the children, "this month is all about you." Read the APG News, and visit the APG Live blog <http://apg.armylive.dodlive.mil/> or APG Facebook page for MOMC events and coverage.

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